

REMARKS

Applicants are submitting this Amendment in response to the Office Action dated October 7, 2004 and the Advisory Action dated March 1, 2005. The Amendment is being concurrently submitted with a Request for Continued Examination. In the Advisory Action, claims 6-12 are indicated as allowable. Claims 2-5 are objected to but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. See also, Office Action.

As indicated above, claim 1 has been amended. As amended, claim 1 incorporates the limitations of claim 2 which has been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. Claims 3-5 depend from claim 1 either directly or indirectly. Therefore, claims 1 and 3-5 should be allowed.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the present application is in condition for allowance and earnestly solicit reconsideration of same.

Respectfully submitted,

BELL, BOYD & LLOYD LLC

BY 

Thomas C. Basso
Reg. No. 46,541
P.O. Box 1135
Chicago, Illinois 60690-1135
Phone: (312) 807-4310

Dated: April 7, 2005